

REMARKS

Claims 42-51 and 54 are pending in the above-identified application, and were rejected. With this Amendment, claim 42 was amended and claim 54 was cancelled. Accordingly, claims 42-51 are at issue.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection of Claims

Claims 42-51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as failing to comply with the enabling requirement. Claims 42-51 also were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that Applicants' amendment to claim 42 obviates this rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Obviousness Rejection of Claims


Claim 54 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over EP 0818474, EP 0818420 and Inagaki et al. in view of DE 4444032, Elfine, Monick et al., Horton, and Ramirez et al. Claim 54 has been cancelled thus render this rejection moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all claims are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully request early and favorable notification to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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